



**“In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer;  
I have overcome the world” John 16:33b**

## **Periodical Message (May 2019)**

### **A Word from us,**

We were in Iraq serving the Lord and His people, when GOD took place — GOD stands for **Global Outreach Day** and it touched me so, when I saw the persecuted Christians of Iraq from ‘yesterday’ reaching out to those who persecuted them!

These simple and ordinary people, who just a short while ago were AWAY from home because of ISIS, were suddenly everywhere and fearlessly, speaking about the power of forgiveness and the love of Jesus. Can you imagine yourself, oh Preacher, doing the same?! Are you willing, oh faithful, to preach Jesus to your enemies, those who killed your family, destroyed your Church and burnt down your house? If you do, then Pentecost is still alive...in your life today as it was back then. May the Power of His Resurrection be as effective in our life, Church, Ministry or else today as it was when Jesus walked with His disciples after His resurrection.” And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high” Lk 24:49--- thank Jesus because His promise is reality today.

**Yours in the Lord,  
Salman**

## **A Word according to the Guidance of the Holy Spirit**

Is your life full of the Holy Spirit?

In less than a week believers worldwide will celebrate the greatest historical event, when heaven was opened and the Eternal Spirit, the Holy Ghost, was poured on SOME people in Jerusalem on Pentecost. THOSE SOME were 120 Disciples of Jesus Christ, including His mother Mary.

Yes, it was the fulfilment of a promise, but also the fulfilment of God’s wish and desire “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will **pour out my spirit upon all flesh**; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions...”

Joel 2:28—the Israelites were waiting for it, but when it happened only SOME were there!!

After His resurrection Jesus appeared to many people; the Bible tells us to over five hundred people and certainly He reminded them of His promise “And I will pray the Father, **and He shall give you another Comforter**, that He may abide with you forever. Even the Spirit of truth; Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and **shall be in you...**” John 14:16-17

We know how the disciples abandoned Jesus and run away; they were frightened not knowing what to do. But when you encounter Jesus you can NOT stay the same; they were struggling, that is true and they were divided that was a bitter reality, still the Lord was at work, like the Father. A miraculous process was taking place, changing them and the Word of God testifies: “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, **they were all with one accord** in one place” Acts 2:1.

Something must have happened, because HEAVEN was groaning and waiting to fulfil the Promise of the Father and what Jesus told them; did they REALLY know what will happen? I don't think so; in fact they had no idea what was going on but could well remember the last words of Jesus “For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence” Acts 1:5. Today we MIGHT know what it means to be baptized with the Holy Spirit (Do we?!) but back then among those frightened and divided people?!

Dear lover of the Truth, do you really KNOW, with full assurance, what it means to have the Holy Spirit IN you?! What does it mean to you, oh Child of God, that He is WITH you?! I believe those 120 knew about what Jesus promised and they were, somehow, hoping against ALL hope that SOMETHING will happen.

IT DID happen and the impact is still as strong today as then, but SO many Christians have only a vague notion of Who the Holy Spirit is or what HE can do THROUGH them. They may have heard of Him, but they struggle to understand His role. I was shocked so many times, that believers want to be witnesses of Jesus BY THEIR KNOWLEDGE and NOT by the power of the Holy Spirit!

Although the Holy Spirit is often overlooked or perhaps even neglected by many believers, He is just as divine as the Father and the Son as the Bible makes it clear: He is God Himself “But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart **to lie to the Holy Ghost**, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou **hast not lied unto men, but unto God**” Acts 5:3-4.

Heaven was open and the Eternal God, the Father of Spirits, poured out His Eternal Spirit upon ALL Flesh, strange enough ONLY those 120 who were waiting received the POWER when the Holy Ghost came upon them“ But **ye shall receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...” Acts 1:8.

I love HOW the Holy Spirit breathed it in the hearts of those elect, like the Physician Luke who wrote the Book of Acts, to express God's mind with man's words:“ And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” Acts 2:2-4

The ‘experience’ of the out pouring of the Holy Spirit must have been amazing; remember those 120 were mostly Jews, indoctrinated with Jewish Tradition and have limitations. But the visible physical and audible touch of the Holy Spirit did NOT affect them only but because of the great noise those crowds of people who came to Jerusalem from all over the then known world were drawn to that place. They were amazed and certainly shocked to hear the wonders of God spoken in their own languages. I want you to imagine YOURSELF to be among those present...how would YOU feel about what was going on?! Then things began to happen and the FRIGHTENED disciples, filled with the power of God, began preaching and praying for the sick, causing a great commotion in Jerusalem as news of the miracles were spread all around Jerusalem...and later beyond. I feel the burden of the Lord to ask you to consider the following facts concerning the Person of the Holy Spirit before continuing: You should know that He possesses a divine personality and personally chooses people for ministry assignments as it is written: “As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them” Acts 13:2. The Holy Spirit communicates with us and speaks directly as it is written “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches...” Rev 2:7. The same Spirit of Christ searches out the deep things of God to make them known to believers like you and me as it is written “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love

Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God” 1 Cor 2:9-12.

Understanding these biblical facts about the Holy Spirit within the larger biblical story of who God is and how He relates to His people and deals with them is important; otherwise Pentecost has no value at all. The redemption plan of God was that we should live a life FULL of the Holy Spirit: “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled with the Spirit**” Eph 5:18.

The reality for you and me should be that Pentecost is NOT an event of the past, or a date we keep in ‘good memory’ and celebrate it; the exciting and life-altering for us is that Pentecost is ALIVE. It is today, NOW as it was for those 120 followers of Jesus ten days after His Ascension to heaven; it MUST BE our present reality. The truth is, we count on what JESUS said and what He declared MUST be a daily reality in our life, otherwise what Jesus declared in John 14:12 has NO value at all“ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, **the works that I do shall he do also**; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father” John 14:12.

We will be ‘stuck’ without the Holy Spirit, trying to do thing with our own, limited strength and ideas and plans, instead of doing things God’s Ways with HIS own, unlimited power. The Eternal God was so pleased with His ONLY begotten Son Jesus, that He wanted MANY like Him, thus He GAVE us the very SAME Spirit of Jesus. IF we don’t have the Spirit of Christ, we won’t be able to do things like Him...or even greater!

Our world would have been much better place than it is now IF those believing in Jesus continued to let the Holy Spirit guide them, instead of programs or methods devised by men. The Holy Spirit is a PERSON and unless YOU and I DIE (To Self) He cannot manifest Himself completely. To be filled with the Spirit should mean in our life, the SPIRIT is the One teaching, guiding and using us as WITNESSES of Jesus to glorify the Lord and show the world that we are the Children of God. If you wish to have more self-discipline, then know that the Holy Spirit is the only One who can produce self-discipline in you and me. And if you want to love more deeply and more freely as Jesus did, then be assured your surrender to the Holy Spirit will produce in you the very same characters as in Jesus. My prayer for you today is that Pentecost will be always alive and vivid in your life today, as it was during the out pouring of the Holy Spirit upon those first believers. I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue empowering you to be a good witness of Jesus Christ and that daily you’ll bring our Saviour honour and glory. As the Bible says WALK in Spirit...

## Prayer Ideas

1. Next week the Lord is going to TALK to His people in Vienna, as He did back then in Sinai to the Israelites; please join our prayer for Awakening Europe in Vienna, Austria between 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> of June. Ask the Lord to move, touch and change the heart of man; may He reveal Himself to many. We are claiming direct encounter with Jesus for many; hear oh Lord and confirm the word. Motivate others to join you in your prayers but also effort to reach out to the lost; join us in Vienna, Austria through your presence, prayer or support. May the plan of our God prevail and all the schemes of man be foiled and come to naught in Jesus holy name.
2. Praying in Jesus holy name that all those who heard the Gospel of Peace in Iraq through us will have REAL peace after accepting Jesus as Lord and Saviour. We also pray that they too would be witnesses of Jesus whether home, among their relatives or friends and may the Spirit of the Risen Christ change them daily and use them for mighty works.
3. Seeing that our continuous efforts to help Iraq Christians to rebuild have brought great fruits, we continue praying for them to settle down and live in peace. We pray that the Lord would use us mightily to improve the lives of many, and use our work as a testimony of HIS might, love and compassion.
4. The Lord is making some changes where we are active in Iraq; our prayer is that NEW doors will be opened for more cooperation in order to work together for the good of suffering Iraqi

Christians. Join our prayer for a peaceful and wise cooperation in order to achieve what the Lord entrusted us with,

**5.** We feel with the Iraqi Christians in Amman, Jordan and pray that our help to Abuna Benjamin from St Afram Church in Amman, Jordan would be used to help those who are truly in need. Our prayer is that Abuna Benjamin would continue his work and support to all those in need and that enough money would reach him in time to help.

**6.** We are praying for many Evangelising Events in Europe too; the Lord used us in a wonderful way in many Churches with many active believers. Pray that the Lord would give us the spirit of servitude everywhere we go, no matter how harsh the environment is. We are praying for more opportunities to teach NEW Teams and send them out to the world to reach out to the lost.

**7.** We had a long time of prayer for Muslims worldwide before and during Ramadan; join our prayer for Muslims during their Eid—the end of the fasting month. We claim a REAL celebration when Muslims come to meet the Saviour Jesus Christ. We rebuke the spirit of Islam and proclaim deliverance in Jesus holy name; the Lord gave us authority to bind and to loose, thus in Jesus holy name we bind every evil spirit influencing Muslims. May the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit, touch their hearts and open their eyes to see the Saviour and His wounds and may He convict them of sin.

**8.** Our Schedule for the Fall is NOT complete, because we are still waiting for some Pastors and believers to respond; join our prayer for a smooth response in time. Our God is not the author of confusion and we want to do things in orderly way, thus we pray to have everything settled in July. We claim full cooperation from all those asking us to serve them and ask the Lord for coordination for places where we could stay and serve. If you feel prompted to help with anything, let's know.

**9.** Many were saved through our evangelizing activities and we are claiming strong foundation for their faith in Jesus Christ; agree with us and pray. Join our 24/7 Prayer Team and pray for full growth in faith through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Pray that the Lord might use them to reach out to, and touch others through them.

**10.** Finally we ask all of you to pray for us as a family; with two children and added responsibilities, it is not easy to travel everywhere as before; pray for wisdom and patience. Pray for understanding if we can NOT go to where we are asked to come, because of lack of time and finances. Pray that the Lord will guide us where we are mostly needed and prepare the way and all other needs.

Finally we encourage you to keep the Word, live the Calling and continue serving in a humble heart WITHOUT fear, and don't ever forget your joy in the Lord no matter what might happen--- He will never fail you.

We also ask you, dear Saints, to forward our Messages to as many people as you can, whether Christians or else with many thanks. We would love to visit you, if invited to your Church, Prayer Group or else and share our testimony with all the Saints or hear from you. Please let's know through an E-mail containing a phone number to write or call you back. We are waiting for your commentaries; what did the Message tell you and what did the Holy Spirit teach you? If you want us to pray for you, or for somebody else, please let us know and we will pass the name/s over to our 24/7 Prayer Team-Jesus Highland Prayer House- JHPH.

Have a \\^I^/// Blessed Day

**“...I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me” Micah 7:7**

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